Sale of Calcium Carbide in Karnataka

2489. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of whole salers and retailers of Calcium Carbide in Karnataka;

(b) how many of them are carrying on selling of Calcium Carbide in Bangalore city;

(c) whether there is any restriction for the whole-sale/retail selling of this item in Karnataka;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have issued Gazette Notification notifying that Petroleum Act, 1934 will be applicable to Calcium Carbide Rules, 1987; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTARY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) There are two (2) wholesalers of Calcium Carbide, who have been issued licence by the Department of Explosives in the State of Karnataka. Both these dealers are located in Bangalore city.

(c) and (d) There is no restriction for wholesale or retail selling of Calcium Carbide in the State of Karnataka, except that the import and storage of Calcium Carbide is required to be made as per the provisions of the Calcium Carbide Rules, 1987 and the conditions of the licence in form II and III granted thereunder. The licences for quantity exceeding 500 kgs. are granted by the Controller of the Department of Explosives, and for quantity less than 500 kgs. is granted by the District Authorities.

(e) and (f) The Calcium Carbide, Rules, 1987 framed under the Petroleum Act, 1934 have been published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary Part-II, Section 3-sub-section (i) dated 20-2-1987. These Rules govern the import of Calcium Carbide by sea, land and air, its storage and transportation.